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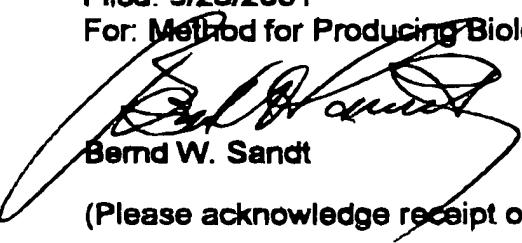
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**Application No. 09/964,120**

**Inventor: Marvin L. Schilling et al**

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**For: Method for Producing Biologically Active Products**



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**RESPONSE A**

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2002 please amend the claims in the subject application as follows:

**CLAIMS**

1. A method for the dehydration of naturally occurring organic substances containing biologically active components which comprises combining such material with an antimicrobial agent and an ionizing salt, [and] heating the resulting mixture in particulate form at a temperature below which denaturation occurs until the water content is reduced to below which substantial microbial or pathogenic activity occurs, and recovering a product in its original natural structure.
  
1. 2. The process of claim 1 wherein the ionizing salt is used in solid form [antimicrobial agent is an ionizable salt].